

communities, this will guarantee institutions have the tools they need to develop effective programs without significant experimentation or expense.

I would like to thank the team at Security On Campus, Inc., SOC, the national non-profit group founded by Jeanne Clery's parents, Connie and Howard, after her rape and murder on her Pennsylvania campus in 1986, for their support in developing this legislation and for their full endorsement. Liz Seccuro, herself a survivor of campus rape at the University of Virginia in 1984, has been especially inspiring in her support of our work and I want to commend her for her courage in coming forward publicly so that the current generation of students can receive the protection she was denied.

I would also like to thank Kristen Lombardi and Kristen Jones of the Center for Public Integrity. Their year-long expose "Sexual Assault On Campus—A Frustrating Search for Justice" ran earlier this year, along with companion segments on NPR, exposing many of the gaps the Campus SaVE Act will help to fill.

Madam Speaker, the scope of intimate partner violence significantly undermines the billions of taxpayer dollars we invest in higher education. The Campus SaVE Act will help protect this investment, but more importantly our most valuable asset—our children and our future. College campuses should be a safe and secure place of learning, not a place where anyone feels uncomfortable or unsafe.

HONORING AMBASSADOR JEAN KENNEDY SMITH

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, my aunt, upon being chosen as a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom to be presented by President Obama at a ceremony in early 2011. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the country's highest civilian honor, presented to individuals who have made great contributions to U.S. security or world peace, or made other cultural or significant accomplishments. Aunt Jean's work with the arts and those with disabilities is simply unmatched.

In 1974, Aunt Jean founded VSA, a non-profit, international organization affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center that promotes the artistic talents of children, youth and adults with disabilities. VSA also provides education opportunities for people with disabilities and increases access to the arts for all. With 52 international affiliates and a network of nationwide affiliates, VSA is changing perceptions about people with disabilities around the world. Each year, 7 million people of all ages and abilities participate in VSA programs, which cover all artistic genres.

For 46 years, Aunt Jean has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, which provides grants to promote awareness and advocacy in the field of intellectual disabilities. Her book, *Chronicles of Courage: Very Special Artists*, written in collaboration with George Plimpton, was published by Random House in April 1993.

President Clinton named Aunt Jean U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, where she played a pivotal role in the peace process from 1993 to 1998. She is the youngest daughter of Joseph and Rose Kennedy, my grandparents, and is the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Kennedy Center.

I wish Aunt Jean all the best as she continues her important work on behalf of those with disabilities. She will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with her.

HONORING DR. CARL WONG

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor Dr. Carl Wong, an outstanding educator for 38 years who is retiring as the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Wong is a distinguished director whose work in this elected position provides countywide leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for the K–12 public school system, which is comprised of 40 school districts and 71,000 students.

A dedicated educator committed to the philosophy of public school education and to the welfare of students, Dr. Wong is a first generation Chinese-American from humble origins. Living in the federal housing projects in Vallejo, California where his father was employed at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Dr. Wong graduated from Napa High School and first pursued a career as a machinist at the Shipyard. Enrolling in night school through Napa Community College, Dr. Wong earned his degree and teaching credential at Chico State University. He began his career in education as a math and industrial arts teacher at Helix High School in San Diego County, later returning to school to become a counselor and administrator. As a full-time faculty member and administrator, Dr. Wong earned his Ph.D. in education from Northern Arizona University.

In 1997, Dr. Wong returned to his home in Northern California, becoming superintendent of Petaluma City Schools, the second largest school district in Sonoma County. In this post, Dr. Wong successfully pioneered a framework to build collaboration and understanding between the district's major divisions to better serve youth. First elected Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools in 2002 and re-elected in 2006, Dr. Wong is credited with working with the County Board of Education, district and school administrators, and faculty to restructure and better serve local districts, helping them align themselves toward more continuity while building consensus for a shared, countywide vision.

The recipient of many awards and recognitions, Carl Wong is a compassionate mentor, both to students and to colleagues. His background gives him a unique understanding of students who don't excel in traditional academic settings. He is a tireless advocate whose goal is to prepare all students to become productive citizens engaged in the democratic process. An active community speaker, Dr. Wong gives generously of his time and energies, serving on numerous

boards and councils, including the Board of Supervisors' appointee to the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board, the United Way of Wine Country Board, and the Santa Rosa Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Carl Wong is a very talented man, a man of remarkable commitment and it is therefore appropriate to honor him today and to wish him well in his next endeavor. Congratulations, Carl Wong—you will be missed!

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of native Brooklynite, global connoisseur and dear friend, Congressman Stephen Solarz.

Congressman Solarz worked tirelessly on the House Foreign Affairs Committee as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to address some of the most controversial topics and political figures of our time. Congressman Solarz combined American foreign policy with a Brooklyn twist, being both affable and austere when necessary. His work affected numerous corners of the world from North Korea to Israel to Turkey and beyond.

Furthermore, Congressman Solarz's legendary staff members, including Assemblyman Peter Abbate, have gone on to contribute greatly to New York City. I have had the pleasure of working with his colleagues and have seen the Congressman's great work live on through them.

Today, on the day of his funeral, my thoughts and prayers are with his family and his wife, Nina. It brings me great sadness to say goodbye to an American hero like Congressman Solarz. He will truly be missed across the globe.

ON WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn observance of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims and their Families, which was observed on Sunday, November 21, 2010. I offer my heartfelt condolences to all those who have lost loved ones to road crashes. This observance spans the globe, uniting every person regardless of age, class, gender, race, nationality, or geography, as road crashes can devastate any life at any time.

Indeed, road crashes profoundly alter the lives of millions of people. The leading cause of death throughout the world for people ages 5 to 29 is not disease or war but road crashes. A staggering 1.3 million people are killed in road crashes every year, and another 20 to 50 million are injured in traffic accidents. On